Paul Mallery, MMR #4

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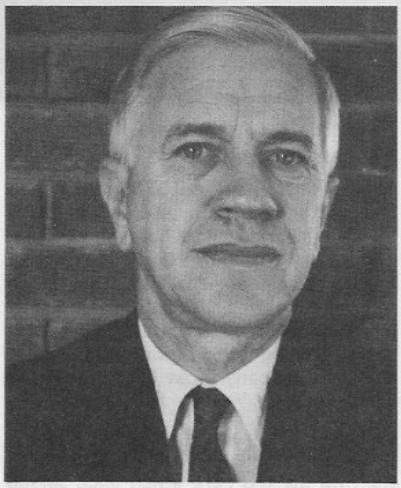

PAUL MALLERY

by Tom ONeil

A really accurate look at Paul Mallery would take a few **BULLETIN** pages, so we hope he'll forgive us if we left anything out.

Paul's father was a bridge engineer for the Long Island, which probably whetted his appetite for the real thing. After graduation from Ohio State University, Paul married his wife, Rita, and went to work for the Bell Telephone Laboratories—for which Bell came out far ahead, since during his career there Paul has 18 patents to his credit. As if this career wasn't enough, Paul had an army career from 1937, serving in the Pacific in WWII, and retiring a Lt. Colonel in 1964.

Paul has long been active in club and NMRA affairs, in fact, as MMR #4 one might classify him as a "Grand Old Member" of the hobby. Our electrical wizard first built a scratch model at the age of 8—a model which the Reading promptly put on display at its Atlantic City office. His scratch built models have won numbers of contests.

Since his first article appeared in 1942 over 200 others have made their appearance in the hobby magazines as well as books on modeling—his **Electrical Handbook** being a "Bible" of the hobby.

Paul insists on operations a la prototype, and especially loves bridges (another book). He enjoys putting his talents to work to improve the general level of the hobby preferring to work outside the "political environment" if possilble. Special phobias are hobby politicos who attack anyone trying to do something merely because they are personally against it, such as, attacking the person and not the idea. A special breed to him is committee chairmen who push as pet projects their own conceptions as committee approved when no one else agreed to it.

Paul got his start long before model magazines made their showing and relies a lot on personal observations. Considering he has traveled all major routes north and south of the border, he certainly has stored up a wealth of drawings, sketches, photos, etc.

Small home layouts were the rule until 1949, and since then he has operated on various club trackage. (Wouldn't you love to have a fellow like this in yours). Paul is now heavily involved in the huge building taking place at Union, N.J.—the world's soon to be largest club.

As for other hobbies, Paul simply states, "None." Praise Allah for that—we all will be sure to benefit even more in model railroading.